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HAPSBURG RESTORATION IN CENTRAL EUROPEAN CATHOLIC STATE

(1) Vatican attitude toward movement:

Vatican
Sept 24

The Pope in an interview with Eisenhower and Clark requested that propaganda for the movement, in which most Austrian and many German Catholics participated, be recognized and tolerated by Anglo-American occupation authorities.

Vatican
Oct 24
Nov 8

The Pope has directed that Austrian Catholics be influenced to elect candidates favorable to Hapsburg restoration and that German Catholics be propagandized to effect a division of Germany which will best correspond to future interest of Catholics, namely, a Hapsburg restoration in a Central European Catholic State.

Rohrer
Nov 13

Holy See should initiate intense diplomatic agitation in favor of a Central European Catholic State but for the present should put aside the question of a Hapsburg restoration.

Hungary
Sept 5

Report from Hungary states the Vatican will not support Austrian monarchists since Western Powers are not considering restoration of Hapsburgs.

(2) Movement in Germany:

Feldt
Oct 17

Propaganda in favor of Hapsburg restoration making greater progress. Anglo-American Allied authorities believe it will form best solution for problem of Central Europe.

Hungary
Sept 5
Oct 17

Majority of members of German Christian Democratic Party in parts of Germany favorable to restoration of Archduke Otto in a Central European Catholic State on belief that British and Americans favor restoration.

(3) Movement in Austria:

Vatican
Oct 24
Oct 24

Majority of Austrian population favors Hapsburg restoration. Only a Catholic State in Central Europe will block Soviet expansion and prevent Austria from becoming an outpost of Russia. Soviets render every attempt at reconstruction impossible on Austria's part.

(4) Movement in Hungary:

Vatican
Sept 24

Movement for participation of Hungary in Catholic State in Central Europe said to be financed by U.S. Catholic financiers and industrialists and to be progressing.

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(5) Attitude of other countries toward movement:

Prague
Oct. 10 Czechoslovakia opposed to restoration of Hapsburgs and disappointed at Holy See's interest in matter.

London (Hodgins)
Oct. 12
Belra
Oct. 26 Russia opposed and considers such a restoration contrary to Allied interests in Europe and to interests of a democratic Europe. Therefore she has intrigued in Western Germany.

London (Hodgins)
Oct. 10 British Conservative Party will make every effort to have England and the U.S. favor Hapsburg restoration since Russian attitude in Austria makes any other solution of Austrian problem impossible.

Brussels
Oct. 1 According to representatives of Archduke Otto, the U.S. and Great Britain are favorable to Hapsburg restoration.

London (Hodgins)
Oct. 12 Governments of U.S. and Great Britain have rejected the Soviet request that all Allied authorities occupying Germany and Austria agree to prevent propaganda in favor of restoration.

Washington (Clegg)
Oct. 17 Most North Americans from countries comprising Central State favor the movement. The opposition is against not a Catholic State but Otto's accession, wanting a republican State instead.